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Composed of both scientists and laypersons, the National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council makes final recommendations on the scientific merit of NIAID-assigned applications for research grants, cooperative agreements, and research training awards. Council review is the final step in the NIH peer review process, and its recommendations are based both on scientific merit, as judged by the scientific review groups, and on the relevance of the proposed study to the Institute's programs and priorities. Applications reviewed relate to all activities within the NIAID research mission, including the fields of immunology, allergic and immunologic diseases, transplantation immunology, microbiology and infectious diseases, and AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. Through its subcommittees, the Council conducts concept clearances and advises NIAID on general policy.

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In its role within the NIH peer review system, the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Research Review Committee advises the Directors of the NIH and NIAID with respect to programs and activities in the areas of AIDS as well as the prevention and treatment of the major opportunistic infections associated with AIDS. The Committee provides a primary review of selected grant applications, cooperative agreements, and contract proposals for special research and training programs. These include program projects and centers, institutional National Research Service Awards, conference grants, and special developmental award programs in AIDS-related areas. The Committee recommends ratings for those applications and proposals that it determines to have significant and substantial scientific merit and advises the Institute Director on the development of new programs in the above-mentioned scientific areas.

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The AIDS Research Advisory Committee is mandated by Public Law 100-607, the Health Omnibus Programs Extension of 1988 (HOPE legislation), which was signed into law November 4, 1988. The Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Director, NIAID, and to the Director, Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (DAIDS), in all areas of biomedical research on HIV infection and AIDS related to the mission of DAIDS, including pathogenesis, natural history, and transmission of HIV disease, and to those efforts that support progress in the detection, treatment, and prevention of HIV disease.

The Committee provides broad scientific, programmatic, and budgetary advice on all aspects of HIV-related research supported by NIAID, including fundamental basic and clinical research, discovery and development of vaccines and other preventive interventions, and training of researchers in these activities. The Committee's activity includes the review of progress and productivity of ongoing efforts, assistance in identifying critical gaps/obstacles to progress, and approval of concepts for new initiatives.

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The AIDS Vaccine Research Working Group, established in February 1997, assists in developing a comprehensive research program for expediting the discovery and development of an HIV vaccine. The individuals in this group provide advice regarding the vaccine research programs at the NIH with respect to scientific opportunities, gaps in knowledge, and future directions of research. The Working Group, which reports to the NIAID Council, is chaired by Dr. Barton Haynes and is composed of individuals with expertise in immunology, structural biology, virology, animal models, and vaccine development.

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The Board's review process strengthens NIAID's tenure system and the overall quality of the Institute's research. As a result of the Board's scientific review, NIAID may modify or redirect its intramural research priorities to allow for scientific growth of investigators as well as pursuit of important new areas of research. Its findings have a direct impact on the allocation of personnel, budget, and space resources within each laboratory.

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The Executive Committee is the senior internal policy and advisory group to the Director, NIAID, and acts as a forum for discussing and setting important Institute-wide scientific and management policies and for discussing special issues and concerns that affect NIAID programs. As such, the Executive Committee consists of NIAID senior scientific and management staff, as well as several ad hoc members who provide program staff-level input. All new, expansion, and renewal program initiatives are reviewed by the Executive Committee at the earliest possible stage of project development to provide the NIAID Director and senior staff the opportunity to discuss and consider the merit and relationship of all projects to the ongoing programs of the Institute. The Executive Committee also serves as the vehicle for senior NIAID management to communicate with Institute program staff regarding issues and policies that are being considered for implementation at both the NIAID and NIH levels.

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